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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Progress of Study for the President
on "Implications of NIE 11-8-62"

1. As you are aware Task I for which the Board of National Estimates had a primary responsibility was completed at a meeting chaired by Mr. Bohlen on 19 July.

2. The first meeting on Task II "Implications for US defense policy" took place yesterday, chaired by Mr. Nitze. The long paper (32 pp.) which he had tabled contained much of an intelligence nature; it also neglected a few important and necessary intelligence inputs. Howard Stoertz and I attended the meeting which lasted from 9:30 a.m. till 12 noon, and we believe that we effected the desired corrections and filled the important holes. We will of course vet the new draft -- which will have a new short summary section -- and brief you in.

3. Task III "Implications for US foreign policy" is under way. I have not yet had notice of a meeting. I doubt that there will be much of an intelligence input.

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4. At last mention, Alexis Johnson is still shooting
for a 1 August deadline.

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